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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OBSERVER MISSION IN GEORGIA

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part III)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 162 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/48/823 and Add.1

2. At its 63rd meeting, on 27 April 1994, the Fifth Committee considered the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia". Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/48/SR.63).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/48/L.63

3. At the 63rd meeting on 27 April, the Chairman introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia" (A/C.5/48/L.63).

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/48/L.63 without a vote (see para. 5).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 858 (1993) of 24 August 1993, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia, comprising up to eighty-eight military observers, for a period of six months subject to the proviso that it would be extended beyond the initial ninety days only upon a review by the Council based on a report from the Secretary-General whether or not substantive progress had been made towards implementing measures aimed at establishing a lasting peace,

Recalling Security Council resolution 854 (1993) of 6 August 1993, by which the Council approved the deployment of an advance team of up to ten United Nations military observers for a period of three months and the incorporation of the advance team into a United Nations observer mission if such a mission was formally established by the Council,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 881 (1993) of 4 November 1993, by which the Council approved the continued presence of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia until 31 January 1994 with a revised interim mandate and comprising up to five military observers,

Recalling further Security Council resolution 892 (1993) of 22 December 1993, by which the Council authorized the phased deployment of up to fifty observers, and Council resolutions 896 (1994) of 31 January 1994, 901 (1994) of 4 March 1994 and 906 (1994) of 25 March 1994, by which the Council extended the mandate of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia up to 30 June 1994,

Recalling its decisions 48/475 A of 23 December 1993 and 48/475 B of 5 April 1994 on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia,

Recognizing that the costs of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

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1/ A/48/699 and Add.1.

2/ A/48/918.

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Reaffirms its resolution 48/227 of 23 December 1993, and stresses the need for the Secretariat to present budget documents on time in order to allow for a proper and thorough review and approval by the Assembly of these budgets before their implementation;

2. Notes with satisfaction an improvement in the compliance by the Secretariat with certain Assembly resolutions concerning the form of budget documents on peace-keeping operations;

3. Reaffirms the importance of the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as an advisory body to the Assembly in the budget process;

4. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

5. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy and, in particular, to implement fully the economic, financial and efficiency measures to be approved during the resumed forty-eighth session of the General Assembly and to report on the implementation of such measures in the context of the performance report on the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia for the period from 7 August 1993 to 31 March 1994;

6. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia promptly and in full;

7. Affirms that it expects that it will not be asked to take any future decisions on budgets for peace-keeping operations retroactively;

8. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia an amount of 2,278,800 United States dollars gross (2,198,400 dollars net), authorized and apportioned in accordance with General

Assembly decision 48/475 A, for the maintenance of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia for the period from 7 August 1993 to 31 January 1994;

9. Decides also to appropriate to the Special Account the amount of $1,251,800 gross ($1,220,100 net) for the maintenance of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia for the period from 1 February to 31 March 1994;

10. Decides further to appropriate to the Special Account the amount of $1,002,600 gross ($939,000 net), inclusive of the commitment of $600,000 gross ($558,000 net) authorized under General Assembly decision 48/475 B for the period from 1 April to 31 May 1994, for the maintenance of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia for the period from 1 April to 30 June 1994;

11. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion an amount of $1,251,800 gross ($1,220,100 net) for the period from 1 February to 31 March 1994 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and decision 48/472 of 23 December 1993, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994 as set out in Assembly resolutions 46/221 A of 20 December 1991 and 48/223 A of 23 December 1993 and decision 47/456 of 23 December 1992;

12. Decides also that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided in paragraph 11 above, the balance of the apportioned amount of $257,400 gross ($240,900 net) authorized by the Assembly in its decision 48/475 A for the period ending 31 January 1994;

13. Decides further, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion an amount of $1,002,600 gross ($939,000 net) for the period from 1 April to 30 June 1994 among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 11 above;

14. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraphs 11 and 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of $31,700 for the period from 1 February to 31 March 1994 and $63,600 for the period from 1 April to 30 June 1994, respectively, approved for the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia;

15. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the operation of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia at a rate not to exceed $334,200 gross ($313,000 net) per month for the period from 1 July 1994 to 31 October 1994, should the Security Council decide to continue the Observer Mission beyond that date and subject to the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the actual level of commitments to be entered into for the period, the said amounts to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

16. Requests the Secretary-General to submit the performance report for the mandate period ending 31 March 1994 and the budget estimates corresponding to any new mandate period the Security Council may decide on no later than 15 September 1994;

17. Invites voluntary contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

18. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia".